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Dear Marina,

Last week Debra Conway told me you will be on the Oprah Winfrey show the 22d. With other things on my mind I gave no thought to that until yesteray when I told a professor friend so he could take that show in. It is aired here at a time of the day that makes it possible for me to take it in.

I am not familiar with that show but in general they seek what can be exciting or embarrassing to the guest. I think it would be foresighted of you to give that possibility some thought and be prepared. If you are prepared you can turn those kinds of things around, make them do you some good.

One of the areas they might try to use to embarrass you is the Mailer nastiness. You can address that without once mentioning what he said. Which Winfrey would probably do anyway. You can address it as I did and you have, by reporting the truth as Mailer himself hid it in his book. That does not require mentioning what he alleged against you. If you want to use that, feel free and you do not have to say you got it from me.

If, and I do not believe they will go to the trouble to prepare to this degree, they note that you gave different accounts on different occasions, the way to address that is as you did at the Commission's special hearing in Texas in early September, 1964. You were not only truthful in reporting the exceptional pressure put on you but since then I got FBI reports with a full account of that plot on its part to bring that INS man down from New York to threaten you with deportation if you did not say what they wanted you to say. Again, you do not have to credit me with getting those records. All you need say is that they have been disclosed. (But if they argue, they were disclosed in court, in Civil Action 78-0322, in Washington.)

Winfrey may not be like so many but if she is I am confident that by being yourself and being truthful you will turn any such effort around.

I have not said that you need not credit my work because I do not want you to. It might be helpful if you did. But I think you have in effect endorsed too many you do not agree with or would not if you knew what they were doing. I heard that you spoke well about the La Fontaine fiction, Oswald Talked. That is all made up and is not true. Even the records they claim their guru Adams got by FOIA I had forced into being available years earlier and they do not say or mean what the La Fontaines say they do. Quite the opposite. But they do assume Lee was the assassin, their book is based on that and they are ignorant of the fact of the assassination. So perhaps you should be thoroughly familiar with and agree with anything you may seem to be approvaing. Sorry - so late with this. Best wishes,

Harold